

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION AND SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS		
DATE OF DECISION:	3 NOVEMBER 2016		
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>Local authorities have an over-arching responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people in their area but the responsibility for a child's education rests with their parents. In England, education is compulsory, but school is not.</p> <p>In Southampton over 200 children are home educated. Appendix 1 is provided to enable the Panel to discuss the issue; the document outlines the statutory duties, current position and future plans with regards to elective home education and safeguarding arrangements in Southampton.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	That the Panel note the statutory duties placed on the local authority in relation to elective home education, and discuss and challenge the safeguarding arrangements for children being educated at home in Southampton as a result of their parents' choice.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To enable a discussion with the Cabinet Member and officers on elective home education and safeguarding arrangements in Southampton.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	At the informal meeting of the Panel in June 2016 a request was made by Members to include a discussion on elective home education and safeguarding arrangements at the 3 November 2016 meeting.		
4.	Appendix 1 provides details relating to elective home education in Southampton, including details on DfE Guidelines and safeguarding procedures.		
5.	The Panel are requested to discuss with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, and the Service Lead, Education and Early Help the information provided.		

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
6.	None as a result of this report.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
7.	None as a result of this report.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
8.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
9.	None as a result of this report.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
10.	Ensuring Children and Young People get a good start in life is a priority of the Council. Ensuring that there are appropriate safeguarding arrangements for children that are educated at home in Southampton will contribute to this priority.
KEY DECISION	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Elective Home Education arrangements in Southampton
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None